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CABINET TO CONSIDER ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN IPU CONFAB IN LONDON

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu and the five Knesseters who will represent Israel at the Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting in London Sept. 3 will meet next week to consider whether the Israel Knesset delegation should attend now that the attendance of the Palestine Liberation Organization is certain.

The meeting was scheduled following former Foreign Minister Abba Eban's request to Premier Yitzhak Rabin and the Cabinet for a clear guideline on whether the government favors participation in such events. Eban is due to head the Israeli Knesset delegation which also comprises Ora Namir and Moshe Carmel of Labor and Elimelech Rimalt and Yohanan Bader of Likud.

Last Sunday, on Allon's recommendation, the Cabinet resolved that Israel would not attend the United Nations crime parley in Geneva because the PLO was to be represented there.

Eban did not indicate in his letter to Rabin his own opinion on whether the Israeli delegation should attend. He told the JTA today he considered PLO attendance at a parliamentary gathering the "height of absurdity."

WILSON JUSTIFIES PLO VISAS

By Mark Segal

LONDON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Prime Minister Harold Wilson has written to the Jewish community here justifying his government's decision not to withdraw visas to PLO representatives coming to the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference next month. The letter was sent on Wilson's behalf by his private secretary to MP Greville Janner, who as acting president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews had written to protest against the visas.

In his letter, Wilson said that the invitations to attend the IPU conference "are a matter for the IPU. The government has no responsibility for the invitation to representatives of the Palestine National Council to attend as observers...." The letter added that the Prime Minister "understands your feelings and the argument about the IPU's decision....So far as the entry of the PLO is concerned the only question for the government now that the invitations have been extended is whether or not foreign citizens who wish to enter this country should be prevented from doing so."

Wilson also noted that the Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, "takes the view that the power invested in him to refuse entry on the grounds that the presence of such a citizen would not be conducive to the public good, should be used only to safeguard national interests and not express moral approval or disapproval of a particular person or visit. The Prime Minister supports this view."

The refusal of the government to cancel the visas has raised a storm of protest within the Jewish community, among non-Jewish personalities, members of Parliament and in the British press. Some 70 parliaments around the world will send delegations to the IPU conference.

PROTESTS MOUNTING AGAINST ACCORD

By Yitzhak Shazgil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Pleas by Israeli government leaders in support of the proposed second stage Sinai interim accord failed today to dampen growing protest against the reported terms of the agreement.

Israel's three-man negotiating team--Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Defense Minister Shimon Peres--all continued to speak out today for the proposed new Sinai agreement. Rabin said the proposed pact would be a first step in a transition from war to peace. Peres said Israel wanted to open a door to peace and Allon said he was certain peace would follow a new interim accord. They spoke on the eve of the arrival of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Israel Thursday for a new round of shuttle diplomacy.

The Israel Students Association, led mainly by supporters of the Likud opposition, responded today with the first of a planned series of demonstrations, reportedly the first public protest by the association on a controversial political issue. Some non-Likud students reportedly opposed the protests.

The students staged their demonstration opposite the U.S. Embassy here. The students carried banners declaring Israel was endangered by a "dictated withdrawal" and labeling Kissinger "the high commissioner." A group of the demonstrators was received by an Embassy official who accepted letters addressed to President Ford and to U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon, denouncing the planned Israeli withdrawal as dangerous to Israel's security.

The association said they were preparing a new kind of demonstration for Kissinger's arrival Thursday. Members dressed in black will be positioned all along the road from Ben Gurion Airport to Jerusalem, at intervals of a kilometer from each other. Carrying umbrellas and banners, each with the same message: "Can we take a hitch-hike to Munich," the demonstration is meant to recall British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's surrender at Munich to Hitler.

Various women's groups also are preparing public protests as are youth groups of the Herut Party. Police and security officials, indicating they are aware of growing personal animosity against Kissinger, have tightened security measures for the Secretary's visit accordingly.

DINITZ, JEWISH LEADERS MEET WITH KISSINGER; SAY THERE IS NO U.S. PRESSURE ON ISRAEL REGARDING ACCORD

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz and a delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations held separate meetings at the State Department today with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on the eve of his departure to the Middle East to reconcile the remaining differences between Israel and Egypt in the negotiations for a second-stage Sinai agreement.

Dinitz and Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Presidents Conference, rejected in their

separate comments to reporters, the suggestion that the U.S. is forcing Israel into an agreement with Egypt. "Israel is not unduly pressured to do anything which Israel doesn't want to do," Dinitz said after he emerged from his talks with Kissinger. "Whatever Israel does, it does because it considers it in its best interest to do."

Dinitz was believed to have discussed with Kissinger one of the last remaining problems involved in the interim agreement: who will man the Israeli listening post at Umm Hashelba west of the Yiddi Pass?

Rabbi Miller, speaking after the Presidents Conference had met for 90 minutes with Kissinger, said that "the Secretary was quite positive in the U.S. attitude toward Israel" and "nothing is being imposed on Israel."

Agreed A Step in Proper Direction

Rabbi Miller said the Presidents Conference group had a "very frank, candid and thorough discussion of the negotiations" which he described as being in a "still very delicate and sensitive stage." He said the Jewish leaders left the meeting with the feeling that when an Egyptian-Israeli agreement is reached it will be a step in the "proper direction," adding that "We will support that which the government of Israel will accept."

He said the group was not asked at the meeting to support elements of the agreement (such as sending American technicians to the Sinai) that will have to be submitted for Congressional approval. He observed that after the Administration appears before Congress on the American participation in the agreement, "we will see what is asked and what we can support."

When a reporter asked about the attitude of the American Jewish community as a whole, Rabbi Miller sharply replied, "There is no monolith called the American Jewish community. There are those who support it (the proposed Israeli-Egyptian agreement) and some against it in some elements. My position is what the Israeli government will support, we will."

Asked about Kissinger's chance for success, Rabbi Miller replied that Kissinger "would not be going if he did not have a good chance." He pointed out that there are many elements in the agreement that are "good for Israel, not the least of which is that there is an agreement" and the opportunities for Israel to test whether Egypt really wants peace.

Other Issues Of Concern Discussed

Rabbi Miller said that other issues of concern to the Jewish community were discussed with Kissinger, including the overall situation in the Mideast, Israel's request for American military and economic aid, and "the stance of the United States toward Israel being suspended or ejected from the United Nations."

Regarding the possible Arab-led attempt to expel Israel, Rabbi Miller said Kissinger expressed concern in "strong terms" and reported the Secretary as saying that an Egyptian-Israeli agreement would be helpful in doing away with this problem. Rabbi Miller also said that no figures were mentioned in the discussion on American aid.

Today was the first time since shortly before the breakdown of Kissinger's negotiating efforts in March that the Presidents Conference has met with Kissinger. One of those present said the meeting indicates an improved atmosphere between Kissinger and the American Jewish leadership.

Among those present were: Max Fisher, chairman of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency; Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress; Elmer Winter, president of the American Jewish Committee; David Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith; Frank Lautenberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; and Yehudah Hellman, executive director of the Presidents Conference.

Urged To Discuss Syrian Jewry

Meanwhile, the Committee for the Rescue of Syrian Jewry today called on Kissinger to raise the issue of Syrian Jewry during his forthcoming talks in Damascus. In a telegram to Kissinger, Abraham Dwek, the committee's president, urged Kissinger "to appeal to the Syrian government in the name of humanity to permit our brethren to emigrate to the United States."

ARGENTINE JEWRY TO DEAL WITH CRISIS AFFECTING COMMUNITY

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 19 (JTA)--A special assembly of representatives of all segments of Argentine Jewry, under the auspices of the Argentine Federation of Jewish Communities, has declared that Jewish institutional life is in a state of emergency and established priorities in dealing with the crisis.

The priorities call for schools being helped first, then health centers, religious bodies, followed by other institutions. An emergency committee headed by Dr. Mario Gorenstein, president of the Federation and the Buenos Aires Kehilla, was set up to deal with the problems. The plight of Jewish institutions because of the economic crisis in Argentina was also deplored last week at a conference of the Argentine Labor Zionist Movement.

Dr. Gorenstein told the assembly that the Argentine Jewish community should be able to find means of meeting the economic crisis faced by Jewish institutions before appealing for aid from abroad. Alfredo Berfeln, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee here, stressed that overlapping and duplication should be avoided by institutions here.

Another speaker, Dr. Tobias Kamenszain, stressed the importance of reaching wealthy Jews here who he said seldom participate in communal affairs. Maro Turkow, secretary general of the Latin American Jewish Congress, also castigated the indifference of those who do not involve themselves in community problems.

Among others named to the committee headed by Dr. Gorenstein, are: Raul Marchevsky and Pedro Graiver, respectively head of the Jewish communities in Mendoza and La Plata; Dr. Ruben Berafa and Julio Masri, representing the Sephardic community; and Robert Mellar and Jose Furmansky of the Jewish sports and social clubs.

ADL SAYS ARAB ANNOUNCEMENT THAT VW MAY BE REMOVED FROM BOYCOTT LIST IS JUST A PLOY

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Arab Boycott Office announcement yesterday that Volkswagen may be removed from the Arab blacklist because it has given "satisfactory" evidence of boycotting Israel was today termed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith "a typical Arab ploy."

According to Seymour Graubard, ADL chairman, Volkswagen, one of the largest car-selling agencies in Israel, never violated Arab boycott regulations which prohibit such things as partner-

ships, plants and patents in Israel, but not sales in that country of finished products manufactured outside.

An ADL investigation of the announcement in Cairo by Arab Boycott commissioner Mohammed Mahgoub revealed that VW is continuing to sell its cars in Israel, Graubard said. This is what the VW public relations director at the company's headquarters in Wolfsburg, West Germany, said in a telephone conversation today with Arnold Forster, ADL associate director and general counsel.

The VW official told Forster that the company is negotiating with the Arab Boycott Office with the obvious purpose of getting itself removed from the blacklist but refused to comment further.

Cites Common Practice

Forster said that Audi, a VW subsidiary, had licensed production in Israel of the Wankel rotary engine before Audi was purchased by VW. That license is still in effect and is being implemented by an Israeli company which is manufacturing the engine, Forster said. "But neither this relationship nor the sale of Volkswagens in Israel is in violation of Arab boycott regulations," Forster asserted.

Pointing out that the Arab boycott is "a political and a propaganda instrument in addition to being an economic weapon," Forster said that "Arab boycott office pronouncements about adding or dropping names from the blacklist should never be accepted at face value." He said it was common practice to add a company name to precipitate public denial about doing business in Israel from a company which had never done business in Israel. He added it was also common practice for names to be dropped from the boycott list simply to embarrass a company that is not cooperative.

HERZOG, NEW ISRAELI ENVOY TO UN, EMPHASIZES SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF ISRAEL IS EXPELLED FROM UN

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Just minutes after he presented his credentials to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Israel's new Ambassador to the United Nations, Haim Herzog, came down to his first meeting with the UN press corps where he strongly emphasized "very serious possible consequences" if Israel is expelled or suspended from the General Assembly.

Herzog said that he trusts that the present negotiations to bring about a new interim agreement in Sinai, "will not be adversely affected by external intervention, such as any attempt to prejudice Israel's rights in the United Nations." He added, "waging political warfare is surely irreconcilable with maintaining a process of negotiations toward an ultimate peace."

Herzog repeated Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's warning that if Israel is expelled or suspended Israel will suspend all its relations with UN agencies in the Middle East including UN peace-keeping forces in Sinai and the Golan Heights. He indicated that a move to expel Israel will prejudice any concluded second-stage interim agreement between Israel and Egypt.

Herzog, who conferred with Waldheim for 45 minutes, called the meeting a "pleasant dialogue," in which he and Waldheim reviewed the situation in the Mideast and also discussed the move to suspend Israel.

Herzog's Opening Statement

In his opening statement, Herzog said: "In

assuming my post I am conscious of the fact that the United Nations came into being following a world war which decimated the population of many countries and the Holocaust in which the Jewish people were singled out for destruction, and that this organization was conceived of a desire to create a better society for all mankind, predicated upon the lofty principles of the brotherhood of man.

"I am furthermore conscious of the fact that I have come here to represent a people which have retained over an unbroken period of 4000 years its national identity, its cultural heritage and language, its unique ties to its country, the land of Zion and Jerusalem, and its religious faith. I am proud to represent a nation whose contribution to the advance of mankind has been so manifold and universal, a nation whose Bible serves not only as the charter of nationhood and its code of life, but also as the moral basis of a broad segment of mankind including the great faiths of Christianity and Islam."

Herzog said the expected agreement between Israel and Egypt "will be a long, difficult and tedious process." He added that this process must ultimately lead to direct negotiations in order to further the move towards peace. The new Israeli Ambassador disclosed that the Israeli delegation to this year's General Assembly will include an Israeli Druze, Zeydan Atashi, and a woman judge, Hadassah Ben-Itto. Later in the day at the Israel Mission to the UN Herzog held a get-acquainted meeting with members of the Israeli staff.

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The newspaper Haaretz reported today that Israel and the U.S. will sign a secret agreement of understanding containing about 40 clauses as part of the second stage Sinai accord with Egypt. The paper said the agreement will cover three years and will include these major points:

The U.S. will not press for a partial settlement with Jordan; Washington will agree that no more interim settlements with Egypt will be initiated without Israeli approval; Washington will coordinate future political moves in the Middle East with Israel, including strategy at the Geneva peace conference, if it is reconvened; and Israel will agree to negotiate another partial settlement with Syria, but it will provide only "cosmetic changes" of the present cease-fire lines.

This evening Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said on television that the proposed new interim agreement will include commitments from both sides to refrain from the use or threat of force, that the agreement will remain in force until replaced by a new one, and the UN peace-keeping mandate in Sinai will be renewed for at least three years. He also stated that under the accord Israeli cargoes will be allowed to pass through the Suez Canal on third-country flagships.

Navon said the implementation of the new agreement will be supervised by a joint committee from both countries and will include three parts: open commitments between Israel and Egypt; commitments between Israel and the United States, and indirect commitments between Israel and Egypt through Washington. ...

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The U.S. National Institute of Health has awarded IL 1 million in a grant to a Weizmann Institute team headed by Prof. Abraham Patchornik for studies on the structure and biological activity of proteins.

SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTIST SENTENCED TO YEAR IN PRISON

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Isaac Gilyutin, a 36-year-old Leningrad cybernetist, was sentenced yesterday in Leningrad to a one-year term in a labor camp on charges of attempted art smuggling after a three-day trial, sources here reported today. Gilyutin was detained recently at Leningrad Airport as he, his wife and daughter, were about to board a plane for Israel. Customs officers checking Gilyutin's luggage found a number of personal paintings the family intended to take with them to Israel. The court also confiscated all Gilyutin's property.

Meanwhile, the trials of Jewish activist Lev Roitburd of Odessa, and that of Anatoly Malkin, 21, a Kiev activist, are still pending. Roitburd's trial, which had been scheduled to start Aug. 15, was postponed, purportedly because the judge was ill. Malkin, who has sought to emigrate to Israel, is charged with "draft evasion." He faces up to three years in prison, the sources reported.

Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, stated that "not only is the meaning of the Helsinki document on human rights trampled upon by these latest acts of Soviet repression," but if Roitburd is found guilty and Malkin suffers retaliation for his emigration-related activities, "this can only be interpreted as a repudiation of any hopeful signs" that progress toward an understanding on the human rights issue that may have been achieved thus far is continuing.

In a related move, more than 1000 New Yorkers sent protest telegrams to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev urging that the trials of Roitburd and Malkin be cancelled and that both men be released. It was reported by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

HADASSAH CONFAB TOLD YOUTH ALIYA FOCUS IS NOW ON DISADVANTAGED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Joseph Klarman, world head of Youth Aliya, told the National Board of Hadassah meeting here that the majority of the children being served by his organization are from disadvantaged Israeli homes rather than new immigrants because this is where the major problem now lies. He said of the 16,000 children who will be in Youth Aliya facilities when school starts in September only 3000 are olim.

Klarman said he recommended to the Jewish Agency Assembly last June that a committee be set up to devise a five-year plan for Youth Aliya. He said he believed that in five years Youth Aliya will be able to take care of 20,000-25,000 children from disadvantaged homes in Israel.

Disadvantaged in Cultural, Spiritual 'Abyss'

Removing these children from the poverty areas and educating them in Youth Aliya schools is "Aliya in its second meaning," Klarman yesterday told the 2500 delegates attending Hadassah's 61st annual convention here. "Causing those who live in distress to ascend from a cultural and spiritual abyss" is Aliya too, he said. "I am using the word 'abyss' and not the more moderate word 'gap' which is usually mentioned in contexts dealing with the culturally deprived because of the really abysmal difference between these children and the standard to which we wish to bring them."

Klarman, in his talk to the Hadassah board and later to the full convention, said that although he has been unable to get the financial, these cultur-

ally deprived children number in the thousands and maybe even in the hundreds of thousands. He said they have a feeling of rejection, alienation and deprivation from Israeli society "because they have failed to gain a respectable role in this society."

He said this was due to a lack of the education needed in a modern society. "I am afraid that we face the risk of the rise of two opposing Israeli societies and cultures--a situation which is most dangerous to our very existence," he warned. "It is my conviction that Youth Aliya with its vast experience in child care is obligated to tackle this problem."

AARON STEINBERG DEAD AT 84

LONDON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Funeral services for Dr. Aaron Steinberg, an eminent Jewish historian and scholar who for many years was director of the cultural department of the World Jewish Congress, were held today. He died Sunday at the age of 84 after a long illness.

WJC president Nahum Goldmann said that with Dr. Steinberg's death "the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish people have lost one of their most interesting cultural and spiritual leaders. He combined an immense knowledge of world affairs and history with a deep familiarity with the Jewish past and present." Dr. Steinberg was the WJC's representative at UNESCO from 1945-67.

Born in Dvinsk, Russia, Dr. Steinberg received degrees in law and philosophy at the University of Heidelberg. After being interned in Germany during World War I he returned to Petrograd now Leningrad. He emigrated to England in 1934. With his older brother, the late Isaac N. Steinberg, he translated numerous books. He was author of several books dealing with Dostoevsky and co-author of the three-volume "History of the Jewish People," published in 1936-38.

LOVE CONQUERS BUFFER ZONES, BORDERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--True love may triumph despite buffer zones and boundaries. An Austrian army officer attached to the United Nations Emergency Force on the Golan Heights who was sent back to Austria last week and dishonorably discharged for taking a 19-year-old Israeli woman soldier on a ride into Syrian-controlled territory, is now in Israel and wants to marry the woman he loves.

Ernest Steinbauer, 26, said he wants to convert to Judaism and has gone to a Tel Aviv rabbi for preparations for conversion. Steinbauer has taken a job as a bartender at a Haifa hotel to wait for the woman who is facing a court martial trial for associating with UN personnel and crossing the line into Syria without permission. The girl's family has accepted Steinbauer and is treating him like a son. Letters to the editor in Israeli newspapers have been urging the military court to consider the fact that the two young people love each other.

UNITED NATIONS (JTA)--Hassan Sabri el-Kholi, an aide to Egyptian presidents for more than ten years, has been named special representative in the Middle East for UNICEF. Henry R. Labouisse, UNICEF director, said el-Kholi would visit Arab capitals to discuss UNICEF programs and the role of mothers and children in national economic development.